

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy and then Senator Cope and then Senator Hefner. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I should ask Senator Fowler whatever happened to New York City but he would know I was being facetious, knowing as we all do, that elaborate pension plans and nonwork provisions ultimately have destroyed it financially and now you and I in the Midwest are paying the freight for them. The present judges' fund, even though each court case contributes to it, is underfunded and now it would appear we will expand the benefit for undoubtedly just a few judges who will very quickly die off so we won't have this burden. In reality we won't have the burden anyhow. Our children are going to absorb it which is true of all of our pension ideas. We like the idea of a pension but we dislike the idea that we should fund it. Last year I believe we appropriated in excess of \$600,000 to balance the judges' pension. It is a handsome pension and I just wonder when we are going to stop taxing our constituents. We are going to tax them for this pension fund. We have two teachers' pensions funds coming up that we are also going to tax them for and all the time we are taking money from these people because really through inflation and bad government we have created a lesser return than was anticipated and yet we have only one person to get that return from and that is the poor stiff who is still working who still has the same problem the judge has, most of them with a much lower income and it just appalls me a little bit that we have almost no consideration for those whom we set about to tax in this manner, very indirectly, very innocently. I just can't believe that we are not aware of what we are doing and if we are, I can't believe we are not ashamed of what we are doing to our children and our children's children. Perpetual plans to fund an ever increasing expenditure for somebody else. I would oppose the advancement of this bill and I don't believe it is justifiable in view of the present pension structure that we have for all judges under the old system and under the new system in which the contributions were different. Now we will merge them and everybody will be in the same boxcar and the same taxpayer will be paying for it. I oppose this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler, could you tell me briefly the designation of...the two types of judges...the one that is really the one that will really benefit from this.